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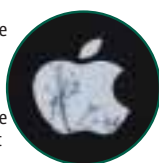
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## THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### APPLE 'RAISED TECHNOLOGICAL BARRIERS'

The U.S. Justice Department on Thursday said Apple Inc.'s (AAPL.O) rhetoric was "false" in a high-profile fight over the government's bid to unlock an encrypted iPhone belonging to one of the San Bernardino shooters. Last month, the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtained a court order requiring Apple to write new software and take other measures to disable passcode protection and allow access to shooter Rizwan Farook's iPhone. Apple has not complied. It said the government request would create a "back door" to phones that could be abused by criminals and governments, and that Congress has not given the Justice Department legal authority to make such a demand. Apple has also attacked the FBI investigation as "shoddy" and portrayed itself as "the primary guardian of Americans' privacy," federal prosecutors said in a court filing on Thursday. **REUTERS**

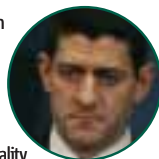


### ISLAMIC STATE DEFECTOR LEAKS SUPPORTERS

**2** A disillusioned former member of Islamic State has passed a stolen memory stick of documents identifying 22,000 supporters in over 50 countries to a British journalist, a leak that could help the West target Islamist fighters planning attacks. Leaks of such detailed information about Islamic State are rare and give Britain's spies a potential trove of data that could help unmask militants who have threatened more attacks like those that killed 130 people in Paris last November. A man calling himself Abu Hamed, a former member of Islamic State who became disillusioned with its leaders, passed the files to Britain's Sky News on a memory stick he said he had stolen from the head of the group's internal security force. On it were enrolment forms containing the names of Islamic State supporters and of their relatives, telephone numbers, and other details such as the subjects' areas of expertise and who had recommended them. **REUTERS**

### 'DRAFT RYAN' GROUP HALTED BY PAUL RYAN

**3** House Speaker Paul Ryan's political operation sent a cease-and-desist letter Thursday to a group that is trying to draft him as a Republican presidential candidate, urging it to halt its activities and warning of legal risk. With establishment Republicans desperately searching for a way to stop real estate businessman and former reality TV personality Donald Trump's march toward the nomination for the Nov. 8 presidential election, Ryan's name has been mentioned as an alternative. But he has said he does not want to run for president this year and has disavowed the Committee to Draft Speaker Ryan group. The organization has continued attempts to collect 1 million signatures on an online petition to draft Ryan, arguing that the very definition of a draft movement is to encourage a reluctant participant to join. **REUTERS**



A press conference was held to reflect on the importance of speed limits and speed cameras in the wake of pedestrian deaths due to speeding. Paul Steely White of Transportation Alternatives spoke at the press conference, accompanied by family members of people fatally struck by speeding cars. **BESS ADLER**

## Campaign calls for more speed safety cameras by NYC schools

Currently there are 140 speed cameras, which operate only 60 hours a week.



One new campaign aims to provide the solution needed to make sure every child is safe on New York City streets.

Transportation Alternatives and Families for Safe Streets — a group made up of New Yorkers who have lost loved ones or have been injured in traffic crashes — introduced Thursday morning the #EverySchool campaign.

Through the campaign, advocates and parents are calling for speed safety cameras to be installed for over 2,000 New York City schools.

"Unfortunately, being struck by a speeding motor vehicle is still the leading cause of preventable injury and death for New York City kids and that's a huge problem, but we know the solution," said Paul Steely White, executive director of Transportation Alternatives. "Speed safety cameras are saving kids' lives."

Currently there are 140 speed cameras in-

stalled throughout the city, which issue \$50 tickets to drivers who go more than 10 mph over the speed limit of 25 mph.

Since having the cameras installed, White added, speeding has been down 60 percent in the areas in which the cameras cover with over 1 million tickets issued by the cameras. However, speeding still continues to be the leading cause for children under 14.

According to Transportation Alternatives, 93 percent of city schools do not have speed safety cameras.

Along with calling for more cameras, the campaign also urged the need to have the cameras turned on 24 hours a day — currently the cameras only work 60 hours a week. The organization added that more than 50 percent of fatal crashes occurred between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m. — when the cameras are prevented from operating.

New York State first approved the pilot program for 20 speed cameras in 2013, and last year the Assembly and Senate voted to expand the program to a total of 140 cameras.

Advocates called on Albany lawmakers to ap-

prove on Thursday morning, less than an hour before traffic safety experts were about to gather for Transportation Alternatives' Vision Zero Cities 2016 Conference.

"If this were a vaccine and we knew that administering this vaccine to all kids would lead to a 60 percent reduction in the cause of mortality for our children, there would be no debate, there would be no politics," White said. "There would be an urgency to apply this life-saving tool so that every kid in New York City is protected."

For Amy Cohen, who lost her 12-year-old son Sammy over two years ago after he was struck by a vehicle on their Brooklyn street, speed cameras would be a critical way to enforce the new speed limit — and actually make a difference.

"I know all too well the difference five miles per hour can make. It is the difference between life and death," Cohen said while holding up a photo of her son. "My son Sammy and our family are on the horrible side of the equation."

Cohen added that more than a year after her son was fatally struck, a 5-year-old boy was hit by a vehicle in the exact location but be-

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cause the driver was going at only 25 mph, the boy suffered only minor injuries even after being tossed a car lane's length away.

"When New York City lowered its speed limit from 30 to 25 mph it doubled the chance of survival for pedestrians hit by a motor vehicle," Cohen said. "A \$50 fine is a minor quick price for New Yorkers to pay to change the culture of driving on our streets and protect every New York City school child."

The groups will continue to work with elected officials and will once again take their campaign to Albany to stress the importance of the speed cameras.

And for those who say it is unfair to ticket motorists who are caught speeding near city schools, White had one message: "Then don't speed near New York City schools."

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# City attempts to control desnudas, costumed characters as warm weather arrives

The topless painted women were reportedly out in Times Square once again on Wednesday.



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New York City officials are hoping to put their foot down this year and control what goes down at the city's pedestrian plazas while Times Square once again saw the re-emergence of the painted topless women as the Big Apple welcomed warmer weather.

On Wednesday, the city council introduced legislation that would give the Department of Transportation the authority to supervise and manage pedestrian plazas throughout the city, according to the Observer.

The bill, which would apply to current and future plazas, would create a public review process and the establishment of



A pedestrian poses for a photograph with a desnuda. GETTY IMAGES

rules for each pedestrian plaza, Politico reported. The DOT would work with elected officials, community boards and local organizations to

come up with the specific guidelines.

Politico added that a year ago, the city dealt with criticism over how it has handled the pub-

lic spaces, and matters got worse when the New York Daily News called out the city for allowing the topless painted women — known as desnudas

— to pose for photos at pedestrian plazas and ask for tips. The publication described the presence of the women as “a symbol of declining qual-

*Desnudas  
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ity of life.”

The city previously was also involved in conflicts on how it handled costumed characters in the Times Square surrounding area, Politico reported.

Wednesday's legislation will now allow city officials to create specific rules for the desnudas and costumed characters.

According to the Daily News, the bill would divide the pedestrian plazas into zones and would allow those soliciting money to operate only in specified areas.

Once the bill is passed and the DOT reaches an agreement on sets of rules, the NYPD will then enforce the regulations.

## BRIEF

### NYPD seeks suspect wanted for Manhattan bank robbery

Police are searching for a man suspected of a daytime Manhattan bank robbery.

On Tuesday at around 3 p.m., the suspect entered the Santander Bank at 250 Lexington Ave. in Murray Hill, approached the teller and demanded money, police have reported.

The teller complied with the suspect's demands, and he fled with an undetermined amount of money, police added.

Authorities are asking anyone with information to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-8477 or visit [www.NYPDcrimestoppers.com](http://www.NYPDcrimestoppers.com).

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A suspect wanted in connection to a Tuesday bank robbery. NYPD

## Arrest made in two Prospect Park slashings, third under investigation

Two related Prospect Park assaults left victims in a Brooklyn hospital and a suspect in custody, but police are continuing to investigate a third slashing that happened Thursday morning.

Police have arrested a man who allegedly stabbed and slashed two Brooklyn park-goers on Wednesday night, NBC has reported. The two incidents happened shortly before midnight.

In the first incident, at approximately 11:30 p.m., a 30-year-old man on Lincoln Road near East Drive fought back during an attempted robbery but was slashed by the suspect, ABC stated in a related article.

A few minutes later, near the corner of Parkside and Ocean avenues,

police told ABC that the same suspect stabbed a 43-year-old man in the stomach before stealing his wallet.

A man was arrested on Thursday morning in connection to the incidents, according to NBC.

The victims were moved to Kings County Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, NBC added.

On Thursday morning, a woman in Prospect Park South was slashed in the neck, ABC stated. The suspect, a man, reportedly fled before police arrived.

The victim, who sustained a non-life-threatening injury, was taken to Maimonides Medical Center, according to ABC.

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The corner of Parkside and Ocean avenues at Prospect Park. GOOGLE MAPS STREET VIEW

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## Buyers are secretly purchasing homes in these NYC neighborhoods: Report

About half of all Limited Liability Company (LLC) purchases made in the city are in Manhattan.

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The secret is out — kind of.

Foreign investors, celebrities or maybe just someone wanting to remain anonymous are purchasing homes in New York City using a Limited Liability Company (LLC) and a new report by StreetEasy is examining where most of these homes are being bought.

According to StreetEasy, forming an LLC allows buyers to have their identities hidden in public sales records and oftentimes makes it close to impossible for anyone to find out who bought a certain home.

Based on data from



Almost half of all LLC purchases that were made in New York City since 1995 were in Midtown and downtown Manhattan. FLICKR/ROBERT CLAYPOOL

the report, since 1995 almost half of all LLC purchases that were made in New York City were in Midtown and downtown Manhattan.

According to the report, LLCs were used to purchase over 540 properties in Manhattan with prices of at least \$3 million in 2015 — an increase from 233 in 2010 and 496 in 2014.

StreetEasy also looked into particular Manhattan buildings that have a large number of LLC purchases, such as 15 Central

Park West which has 113 LLCs with a median price of \$8,756,950 and Trump International with 107 purchases and a median price of \$1,981,200.

Between 2005 and 2015, LLC purchases in Manhattan increased from 442 to 1,449.

Queens followed with the second-highest number of LLC sales, increasing from 51 in 2005 to 588 in 2015.

Brooklyn came in third with 564 purchases, up from 77 over the past decade, and the Bronx

and Staten Island have the least LLC purchases, which are up from 31 and zero in 2005 to 164 and 132 respectively.

StreetEasy also found that compared to all home purchases, those which were bought through LLCs, saw slower price growth in Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The median resale price of homes purchased using an LLC in Manhattan increased by 26.1 percent between 2005 and 2015, a number slightly lower than the 10-year price growth of all homes in the borough which was 31 percent.

The report showed that the median resale price for LLC properties in the borough fell each month since May 2015, decreasing 2.3 percent.

The median resale price of LLC-purchased homes is more than \$1 million higher than the resale price of all homes as of January 2015.

## Passenger at JFK found with \$33K of cocaine hidden inside cakes: CBP

A Mexican traveler is now facing smuggling charges after airport officials discovered a white, powdery substance that wasn't flour inside some sweets he was bringing along with him.

On March 1, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agriculture specialists at JFK International Airport were performing an X-ray exam

on luggage belonging to Jesus Martinez Ramirez, a citizen of Mexico who had arrived on a flight from Mexico City, according to authorities.

While the specialists were performing the examination they noticed an anomaly on the X-ray of a cake, CBP said, and found that a package had been hidden within the cake.

Then with the help of CBP officers, who escorted Ramirez to a private search room, authorities investigated the concealed packages, finding a white powder that tested positive for cocaine, according to CBP.

A total of five cakes were discovered with about 2 pounds of cocaine, with an estimated street value of \$33,000.

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President Barack Obama and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau GETTY IMAGES

## Obama, Trudeau mark better Canada ties with climate, trade accords

The two leaders appear to have worked things out.

President Barack Obama and new Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau on Thursday ended a frosty period in bilateral ties by agreeing to tackle climate change and strive to settle a long-lasting trade dispute over Canadian softwood lumber exports.

The neighboring countries are traditionally close but relations had soured under former prime minister Stephen Harper, who hectored the White House in a failed bid to push through U.S. approval for the Keystone XL oil pipeline.

Obama and Trudeau, whose Liberals came to power last November promising better cooperation with Washington, pledged joint steps to fight global warming, including cutting methane emissions from oil and gas operations.

The countries committed to cutting emissions

of methane by 40 to 45 percent below 2012 levels by 2025, to take steps to fight climate change in the Arctic, and to speed development of green technologies.

They also told officials to look for solutions to a lengthy dispute over exports of Canadian softwood lumber, as well as promising to make it easier for goods and people to cross the long shared border.

"I am grateful that I have him as a partner. ... When it comes to the central challenges that we face, our two nations are more closely aligned than ever," Obama told a news conference after talks with Trudeau.

"The president and I agree on many things including, of paramount importance, the direction we want to take our countries in to ensure a clean and prosperous future," said Trudeau.

In another sign of friendlier bilateral ties, Trudeau invited Obama to address the Canadian Parliament this year. REUTERS

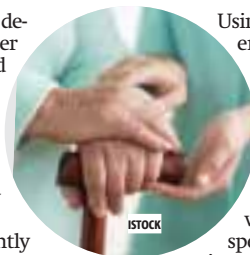
## For seniors, health care quality is all over the map

Seniors living in Manhattan spend an average of nearly 25 days a year at doctor visits or at a hospital. But in Lebanon, New Hampshire, contact with the health care system is far lower — just 10 days on average.

New Yorkers probably are not that much sicker than their New England neighbors. Instead, the statistic reflects the wide variation in the way

healthcare is delivered to older adults around the United States.

The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice recently issued a report card on how the United States provides health care to seniors by region.



Using Medicare enrollment and claims data from 2012, the report compares regions on such factors as where seniors spend the most time with doctors, where they are most likely to be hospitalized, or be subjected to un-

necessary tests or risky medications.

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# TRUMP AT THE GATES

Lay into the drums, fire up the guitars and let the first riffs of Zeppelin's "Immigrant Song" rip across the land. By this time next week, the Republican nominating process could be a smoking ruin. The delegate count says Donald Trump's marauding hordes are already storming the walls of the Republican castle.

Sure a desperate surge by Ted Cruz might repel the attack. Or maybe twin charges by Marco Rubio in Florida (where he trails Trump) and John Kasich in Ohio could push the whole fight to a contested convention, where the GOP gray hairs could throw a sack over Trump's head. But none of that looks likely now.

Instead, the New York billionaire is roaring from state to state, slaying his challengers and dragging their dead campaigns behind like Conan. (The barbarian, not the comedian. Well, OK, maybe both.) The brutal efficiency of his assaults has made the Republican Old Guard look less like worthy foes than a bunch of terrified villagers — cowering at the sound of hooves.

Many Democrats have surveyed the carnage across the aisle

with great satisfaction and not a little Schadenfreude. Not only have they enjoyed the supreme discomfort of Republican leaders, the situation has also given them something to focus on beyond their own front-runner's troubles. Yes, Hillary Clinton still seems to be dispatching the usually polite Bernie Sanders, but she is doing it so slowly even some of her fans are worrying about her ability to match steel with the raging warrior of Fifth Avenue.

And they should worry. Trump is drawing in legions of new voters; battalions of angry folks who can fundamentally change the math of the general election. Remember in 2012, only about 62 percent of the people who could have voted in this country did so. If Trump is the candidate and he keeps tapping into the remaining 38 percent, watch out. The minority vote? Forget it. It matters, but the Dems had that sewed up last time and there is too little room for growth in this cycle. The base? Forget that too. The faithful are already onboard for the Dems. And don't even mention the polls showing how Trump might lose in the

## TOM FOREMAN

### Opinion

CNN's Tom Foreman is the author of the new book "My Year of Running Dangerously."



general. Trump has been smashing expectations like pottery.

If this election keeps playing out as it has, the Democratic Party will almost certainly need reinforcements — new blood to carry the fight to a victory. The problem is, right now it looks like Trump is sharpening his sword and aching for the next battle to begin. Cue the Led Zep. Ah ah ah — ah.



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# 'Hearts are in pieces' five years after tsunami hits Japan

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The nine-magnitude quake struck offshore on a chilly Friday, sparking huge black waves along a vast swathe of coastline and killing nearly 20,000 people.

The tsunami crippled the Fukushima Dai-ichi Nuclear Plant, where meltdowns in three reactors spewed radiation over a wide area of the countryside, contaminating water, food and air.

More than 160,000 people were evacuated from nearby towns. Around 10 percent still live in temporary housing across Fukushima prefecture. Most have settled outside their hometowns and have begun new lives. Some areas remain



Destroyed vehicles lie near the rubble after the earthquake and tsunami devastated the area on March 16, 2011, in Minamisanriku, Japan. GETTY IMAGES

no-go zones due to the high radiation.

In coastal Rikuzentakata, which was flattened by a wave as much as 56 feet high and lost seven percent of its population along with its entire downtown, the pain remains strong.

"Infrastructure is recovering, hearts are not. I thought time would take care of things," said Eiki Kumagai, a volunteer fireman who lost 51 colleagues, many killed as they guided others to safety. "I keep seeing the

faces of those who died ... There's so much regret, I can't express it."

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Emperor Akihito will offer flowers at a ceremony in Tokyo that will include a moment of silence at the time of the quake, 2:46 p.m., when bells will ring in the city center and residents across the nation bow their heads.

Japan, one of the world's most seismically active areas, will mark the day with prayers, anti-nuclear protests and graveside visits. REUTERS

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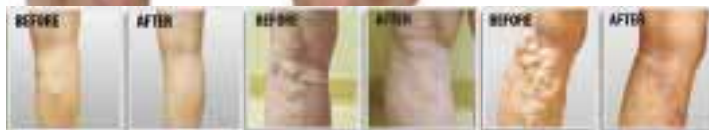


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Isaac Mizrahi JASON FRANK ROTHENBERG

## spring arts guide

# Dressed to thrill

Isaac Mizrahi tells us about making a career out of dodging boredom ahead of his retrospective at the Jewish Museum.



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When Isaac Mizrahi got a call from the Jewish Museum's Claudia Gould about the possibility of doing an exhibition together, he couldn't quite believe it. "I was so incredulous, I thought, 'She has to be crazy,'" the 54-year-old designer recalls. "But I went to her office and she sort of put it to me, and I thought, 'Well, if this lady who's so smart and running this museum thinks it's a good idea, I can't fight it.'"

"Isaac Mizrahi: An Unruly History," which opens March 18 and runs through Aug. 7 at the Jewish Museum, takes a look at the influence, range and exuberant output of this quintessentially American designer. Comprising more than 250 works, including clothing and costume designs, sketches, photographs and video spanning nearly 30 years, the show explores Mizrahi's unique role in fusing high style with pop culture, from his namesake label that featured voluminous ballgowns made of elevator padding and a shimmying party frock constructed from Coca-Cola caps, to his groundbreaking hi-low

collaboration with Target, to his star-making turn in the 1995 documentary "Unzipped."

"I get very bored very easily," says the designer about his restless creativity. "Doing the same things again and again and again ... I think it makes people very sad. I look at painters who invent this one kind of way of painting and just do it and do it and do it, and I find it very sad, very repetitive and very sad."

Well, no one can accuse Mizrahi of being boring. The son of a children's clothes manufacturer, Mizrahi began his career in sewing by making puppets as a kid. By 15, he was working with pattern cutters to create his own line, which was sold in stores. "It was very much like the clothing I am designing now," he says of his teenage output. "It was very easy and glamorous and colorful and surprising."

The fast-moving designer has since had his own ready-to-wear label (Isaac Mizrahi New York), a demi-couture collection and even a line for QVC — not to mention his own cabaret show, several reality TV gigs (including "Project Runway All-Stars," where he has proven as adept at hurling bon mots as OG judge Michael Kors) and steady work creating costumes for the Mark Morris Dance Company, among other performance troupes.

"My whole career, I've been kind of shying away

Coca Cola Dress  
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from creating an easy formula — the way you kind of look at Chanel and it's a boucle suit with a gardenia and some pearls, and she created that kind of thing in like the 1950s and then never stopped making it," Mizrahi says. "I never did anything like that, really; I just kept moving along. And kept making all these crazy-looking things, and yet when you look back on it it's very unmistakably the house."

Indeed, the through line of Mizrahi's work — evidenced in his handbags worn as hats, kilts turned into floor-length strapless columns or hand-painted insect dresses — is a kind of irreverence, playfulness. "I never looked at [fashion] as art," he says. "But I always approached it from the deepest sort of recesses of my artistic ability. It's an applied art: You're supposed to sell dresses; you're not supposed to sell paintings — you're supposed to die first and then they discover your paintings and think you're great."

Still, the trailblazing,



Sketch THE JEWISH MUSEUM

nostalgia-averse Mizrahi still felt a little pang when putting together the show. "I was surprised how emotional I got looking at the final edited sketches," he says. "That really knocked me for a loop, because more than anything the sketches represent your dearest, dearest wishes — sketches are wishes. And when you look back on those wishes, those were what the story, of the exhibition, of my life, became."



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# Improv your life

NYC Improv Fest participants tell us how their brand of comedy has changed their lives offstage.

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The snow may be long gone, but there's an avalanche of comedy on the way. Troupes from around the world are coming to the Peoples Improv Theater, where 200 shows will take place during five days of impromptu hilarity at NYC Improv Fest, beginning March 16.

Improv is a unique breed of comedy. It takes training to master the "Yes, and..." method (going along with whatever your partners give you), and along the way you often learn something about yourself. We asked some fest participants about how their unpredictable world has influenced them beyond the stage.

*"Improv has definitely slowed me down and taught me to listen. I was diagnosed with ADD in my early 30s, and I think part of the reason that I got as far as I did is because improv trained me to focus."*



Joe Schiappa  
MINDY TUCKER

Joe Schiappa, PIT instructor and performer in "Nathan and Joe" (March 19, 10:30 p.m., The Underground)

*"Frequently, in conversations with people, I notice how bad we are at truly listening to each other. I think everyone can benefit from the listening skills that improv teaches and how those skills can lead to being a more empathetic person."*



Richie Moriarty  
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Richie Moriarty, PIT performer in "Simply Unemployable" (March 18, 9:30 p.m., The Underground)



Ronny Pascale (right front) in "Kibbles and Bits" at NYC Improv Fest 2015. PROVIDED

*"Improv has taught me to enjoy the moment. The more I enjoy my life and what is going on around me, others will enjoy being around me more."*

Ronny Pascale, festival producer and associate artistic director at PIT

*"Great improvisers listen to their partners instead of planning what they will say next. I've found that so many problems, both big and small, can be solved by just listening and responding to what one is given."*



Katie Hartman  
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Katie Hartman, PIT instructor and performer in "Gypsy Danger" (March 19, 8 p.m., The Striker)

*"Improvisation is all about collaboration. The group can usually come up with a better thing than you can on your own. Be open to ideas from anywhere."*

Evan Kaufman, performer in "Gypsy Danger," "Your Love Our Musical" (March 18, 8 p.m., The Striker), "North Coast" (March 19, 9:30 p.m., The Underground)

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# NYC, get ready to LOL

This spring, comedy is in full bloom, from the biting satire of late-night newcomer Samantha Bee to the essential election coverage of John Oliver and "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" returning to Netflix in April. But it all begins in the clubs around the city, so we've rounded up some of this spring's funniest events.

## Jay Pharoah

**March 17-20**  
**Carolines on Broadway**  
Now in his sixth season as a performer on "Saturday Night Live," Pharoah is best known for his uncanny impressions of President Obama, Kanye West and Jay-Z. The 28-year-old Pharoah got personal last year with his first standup comedy special "Can I Be Me?" Turns out yes, so whether it's him or one of his

many alter egos onstage, it'll be a memorable night.

## Kathy Griffin

**April 9, 8 p.m., Kupferberg Center for the Arts**  
**April 10, 6 p.m., Brooklyn Center for the Performing Arts**  
She may be an Emmy and Grammy award-winning powerhouse comedienne, but Kathy Griffin has always kept it real as the queen of self-deprecation. She's bringing her new set, "Like a Boss," inspired by the 2016 election season as well as her own personal run-ins with famous figures, for two nights of no-holds-barred humor.

## Anjelah Johnson

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## Deon Cole

**May 12-15, 7:30 & 10 p.m.**  
**Carolines on Broadway**  
You might recognize Deon Cole as Charlie from the hit ABC show "Black-ish," or trying to keep a straight face on Nancy and Steve Carell's police procedural send-up "Angie Tribeca." But Cole has been in comedy for 20 years now, and his deft observations on life will have you shaking your head while trying to catch your breath.

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Add these new spring shows to your must-see list.



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The new theater season is already off to a spectacular start with the opening of Seth Rudetsky's "Disaster!" (which lampoons '70s disaster movies) and "Eclipsed," starring Lupita Nyong'o, which follows "Fun Home" and "Hamilton" as the latest transfer from the Public Theater. And that's before we've even set the clocks ahead, so there's still a lot of hot new shows hitting the Great



"American Psycho"  
JOAN MARCUS



"Tuck Everlasting" GREG MOONEY

# Buzzworthy on Broadway

White Way in the coming months. Here are our five top picks.

## "American Psycho"

Previews: March 24

Opens: April 21

Remember when Bret Easton Ellis' gratuitous novel about a 1980s Wall Street serial killer was turned into a gratuitous (but far more darkly humorous) movie back in 2000? Bet you also thought the next logical

step would be a Broadway musical. No? Well it's happening, with Benjamin Walker ("Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson") as titular psycho Patrick Bateman, and a score by Duncan Sheik ("Spring Awakening"). It comes straight from a sold-out run in the West End.

## "Paramour"

Previews: April 16

Opens: May 25

Sure, you might have seen *Cirque du Soleil* before. But you've never seen it on Broadway. Breaking new ground in

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## "Tuck Everlasting"

Previews: March 31

Opens: April 26

Unstoppable showman

Casey Nicholaw, director of Broadway's "Aladdin," is back this season with the musical adaptation of Natalie Babbitt's "Tuck Everlasting." You probably remember the bittersweet young adult novel about 11-year-old Winnie Foster and the life lessons she learns from the mysterious Tuck family. A new score will amplify the sweeping saga about learning how to live life to its fullest — don't forget to bring tissues.

## "Shuffle Along..."

Previews: March 15

Opens: April 28

Fully titled "Shuffle Along, or the Making of the Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed," this star-packed musical features the beloved songs of its breakout hit inspiration "Shuffle Along," but primarily focuses on how the Eubie Blake-Noble Sissle masterpiece was made. Broad-

way heavyweights Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell and Billy Porter lead the cast in a show that blends black history and theater trivia. You can expect this one to rack up the Tonys in June.

## "Waitress"

Previews: March 25

Opens: April 24

In 2007, Keri Russell starred in a cute little movie about a small-town waitress. Nearly 10 years later, that feel-good gem is coming to the stage with Tony Award winner Jessie Mueller ("Beautiful: The Carole King Musical") as the pregnant pie-maker who wants to make a break from her abusive husband, now with an original score by indie music darling Sara Bareilles. Directed by the formidable Diane Paulus (of the recent "Pippin" revival), the show received warm reviews when it debuted in Boston last year.



"Waitress" JEREMY DANIEL

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# Mary Elizabeth Winstead: Horror is great for strong female roles

The "10 Cloverfield Lane" star says the new thriller avoids a lot of pesky gender traps.



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Mary Elizabeth Winstead knows horror. The actress got her start in "Final Destination 3" and "Black Christmas" before segueing into "Death Proof" and "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World." She returns, somewhat, to the genre with "10 Cloverfield Lane," which, yes, is a semi-sequel to

2008's alien invasion hit "Cloverfield." But for most of its length it's a psychological thriller set in a bunker.

**This is a mix of many genres, but it's also partly a horror film. It's interesting that that's a genre that has always embraced female leads.** I would get the question a lot: "Why do you do horror films?" It's like, "Where else do you see kicka—female heroines other than in genre films?" Of course, now we have "Divergent" and those films. But in terms of how long I've been

working, if you're going to find a really great lead role where you get to do a lot of things and run through a range of emotions and you're not a big star, horror is kind of the place for you. When I started, they welcomed me with open arms.

**But horror films aren't always exactly feminist. Sometimes female leads are abused or tortured.** When I do those films I've always try to not be exploited



Mary Elizabeth Winstead plays a woman who's been rescued/kidnapped by a stranger (John Goodman) who claims there's been an attack of some sort in "10 Cloverfield Lane." PARAMOUNT PICTURES

in any way, or play characters that go against anything I have within me in terms of my feminist nature. This was a script when I read it, I knew imme-

diately it was something I could take on. There were a couple of things in the ["10 Cloverfield Lane"] script that in the wrong hands could go in a way I wouldn't be comfortable with. But after talking to Dan [Trachtenberg, director], I realized he was someone looking at the story from her perspective. He's not looking at it like she's this girl in peril. He's seeing himself in her as a person. She's an every person. She's not a damsel in distress. She's an anybody in distress. She's behaving in a way any of us would,

as opposed to a certain type of woman.

**It avoids things like sexualizing her or dwelling on when John Goodman's character, Howard, gets rough with her.**

There were a couple of times when I thought, "I hope we don't go too far with Howard and how he treats Michelle [her character]." I didn't want to feel like we were being entertained by Michelle being tortured or treated badly. I think this movie really avoids that. It's done in a way that's elevated and doesn't fall into those traps.

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# Spring's must-see exhibitions

The Metropolitan Museum opens its new Met Breuer with two inaugural exhibitions, but that's not all that's happening in the art world this season.



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On March 18, the Metropolitan Museum of Art will open its much-anticipated annex for modern and contemporary art in the old, beloved Whitney Museum building designed by Marcel Breuer on Madison and 75th Street. The new digs will include a fresh, subtle restoration, a Blue Bottle coffee shop and two new

exhibitions: a survey of the little-known but wonderful Indian minimalist Nasreen Mohamedi and "Unfinished," a look at incomplete works ranging from Titian to Rembrandt to Pollock. Expect lines out the door.

But, while the Met Breuer may be the art event of the season, there are plenty of other exciting exhibitions opening throughout the city this spring. Here are a few worth checking out.

See." But its centerpiece exhibition is a look at the politically charged works of L.A.-based artist Rodney McMillian. In "Views of Main Street," McMillian uses symbols of domesticity to reveal political and economic biases in our society, from a satene sofa split in half and cemented back together to a flimsy, deteriorating cut-out canvas painting of the Supreme Court building.

## Uniformity

**May 20-Nov. 19**  
**Museum at FIT, 227 W. 27th St.**  
The Museum at the Fashion Institute of Technology will take a break from its usual couture offerings to focus on the antithesis of fashion's ever-changing whims and trends: the uniform. "Uniformity" will explore the history behind a variety of uniforms — from football jerseys to varsity jackets, schoolgirl plaid to army camo, flight attendant gear to fast-food attire — considering both their role as symbols of social order and their influence on high fashion. Many of the exhibition's 70-plus objects, all from the Museum at FIT's permanent collection, have never been on view before.

## Moholy-Nagy: Future Present

**May 27-Sept. 7**  
**Guggenheim Museum, 1071 Fifth Ave.**  
Utopian modernist, Bauhaus instructor and groundbreaking multimedia artist László Moholy-Nagy gets his first U.S. retrospective in 50 years at the Guggenheim this May. With more than 300 collages, drawings, films, paintings, photographs and sculptures, "Future Present" will reveal a man who believed in the power of art and technology to improve society and humanity. The restless artist and educator experimented with cameraless photography, was one of the first to use industrial materials in painting and sculpture, and pioneered abstraction. His graphic, colorful works still have an influence on graphic and product design today.

## Hey! Ho! Let's Go: Ramones and the Birth of Punk

**April 10-July 31**  
**Queens Museum, New York City Building, Flushing Meadows Corona Park**

It's been 40 years since The Ramones rocked the world with their self-titled debut, and now the punk pioneers are getting their own exhibition. The Queens Museum has teamed up with the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles for "Hey! Ho! Let's Go," a two-part exploration on these New York misfits' wide-ranging influence on music and pop culture, from their roots in Forest Hills, Queens, to their history-making performances at CBGB, to their indelible impact on visual art, from MAD magazine to Shepard Fairey.

## Ebony G. Patterson, Rashaad Newsome and Rodney McMillian

**March 24-June 26**  
**Studio Museum in Harlem, 144 W. 125th St.**  
The Studio Museum has a group of impressive shows this spring, from a site-specific installation by Jamaican multimedia artist Ebony G. Patterson, "... when they grow up ...", featuring exuberant images of black youth in hand-embellished, large-scale, photo-based wall works, to video and performance artist Rashaad Newsome's exploration on black LGBTQ culture and voguing, "This Is What I Want to

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# Alex Karpovsky: Always the good guy

Someone needs to cut Ray on "Girls" a break.



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Alex Karpovsky's begrudgingly sentimental Ray Ploshansky is the no frills coffee-slinging character on "Girls" who found himself talking the husband-to-be of the girl he loves out of ditching the wedding in this season's premiere. The 40-year-old Newton native calls us from L.A. just as Season 5 heats up. We chat about when the HBO series goes off-script and whether or not Ray is still in love with Marnie.

**Is Ray the only true romantic of this show?** I think actually think Marnie is a romantic, too. But Ray, he has some idea in his mind and the notion of Marnie fueled that specific idea, but that idea is

very narrow, with a crumbly foundation.

**So is he really in love with Marnie (Allison Williams)? In that first episode, we watch him talk Desi back into getting married.**

In many ways he sees [her as] an outcast — someone who has been ostracized to some degree and is trying very desperately to rectify her situation. Being an outsider himself, he sees her as having determination and has weird respect. And I think there's a physical component. Marnie is the girl he was never able to get in high school and he's been negotiating his past in many ways. It gives him a source of shallow fulfillment and victory to an extent.

**Elijah starts working at Ray's coffee shop and that relationship has become one of our favorites of the season.**



Andrew Rannells, left, and Alex Karpovsky on "Girls." CRAIG BLANKENHORN/HBO

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**What's it been like filming with Andrew Rannells?**

He's one of my favorite characters on the show and I've been hoping to have more scenes with him. As a performer, I think Andrew is just an incredible improviser and we'll do a little on the show and it's fun and wacky.

**Is a large portion of "Girls" improvised?**

It's hard to put a number on it, and a lot

of it is rooted in how well the day is going. If we're making good time, we've earned a little play time and can goof around, but the show is shot in the city so when it's summer and hot, people have short fuses when cars and trucks are slowing us down. We like to play around with Lena if we have some extra time though.

**What's the plan with Ray this season? He's on Community Board, he's**

**single, he's expanded the coffee shop.**

Over the years, Ray's had different forums and outlets to unleash his anger, ideologies and misguided convictions. In Season 4, he's expressing himself through politics, and Season 5, he's getting that part of his personality across as a small business owner.

**Ray might be the oldest friend in this friend group — do you think**

**that's shaped him at all?**

It's put some of his more extreme and unsavory characteristics in a sharper perspective. He's already cynical and judgmental and when he interacts with people that are 10 years younger than him, those things are brought more into focus to a degree and he can become more self-aware. It's mostly a step toward growth.

"Girls" airs on HBO, Sunday at 10 p.m.

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#### Single and Swiping

Laurie Davis is the founder of eFlirt, an online dating concierge service, and the best-selling author of "Love @ First Click: The Ultimate Guide to Online Dating."



All this swiping and searching can sometimes leave you feeling confused about your love life. You're going on dates, but they're all a bust, and you're not sure where things are going wrong. A lot of singles find themselves feeling lost in the chaos — my clients often ask, "How can I find better matches online?"

**The truth:** Your behaviors on a dating app or site will reflect your results. If you're haphazardly swiping while you're bored, you're probably not going to get matches that excite you. Here's how to get more meaningful matches:

You can swipe too much. The average Tinder user spends 90 minutes a day reviewing matches. A group

of psychologists at Northwestern University did a study on online dating and found that the longer you search, the more judgmental you become. Let's be real — when you're judgmental, you're not being open to the possibility of meeting someone great. At eFlirt, we find that keeping your search sessions short is a flirt-changer and recommend searching for no longer than 20 to 30 minutes each day.

**Faster isn't better.** Once you've cut down your search time, the next thing you want to do is slow down your swipe time. You're probably wondering, "How am I going to meet someone if I'm getting fewer mutual matches?" Swiping fast means you're focused on

quantity, while going slow will generate the quality you're seeking.

**If you think "maybe," say yes.** I watch people fall in love every day. Nearly all of my former clients who are now in relationships fell for a "maybe." It wasn't always the person with the hottest profile photos or witty self-descriptions. In fact, usually their initial response to their future significant other's profile was something like, "I don't know about him. Are you sure?" Here's the bottom line: If you see a match and aren't sure about him or her, swipe right. Until you meet in person, you truly won't know who will turn out to be awesome ... and who won't be.

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# Islanders with tough road ahead

The Isles are playing great hockey but they'll have to continue that trend through March.

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The Islanders and their fans have plenty of reasons to be riding high right now. When the dust settled from the Isles' long road trip on Monday morning, they found themselves in third place in the Metropolitan Division, well behind the first-place Capitals but just three points behind the Rangers for second with three games in hand. And the Rangers have given their crosstown rivals no reason to be intimidated; the Isles have won all three matchups with the Blueshirts this season, including a confidence-boosting 6-4 win last Sunday.

But the Isles' skaters understand that they can't get too full of themselves at this point in the campaign.

"You don't take anything lightly," captain John Tavares told reporters. "We lost home ice [to the Capitals] last



The Islanders can't let their feet off the pedals this month. GETTY IMAGES

year. ... We understand that goes right down to the very end. [Home ice] is significant any year, that's what you always play hard for. I think for us, we would have loved to have a Game 7 on our home ice last year."

"You have to make

sure you keep staying with the pack and winning as many games as you can," Islanders defenseman Travis Hamonic added.

But will that 6-1 road trip result go to their heads? It could be fool's gold. That trip included

stops against bottom-feeders like the Flames, Senators and Jets. Their upcoming schedule will be much more difficult.

A seven-games-in-12-days marathon began on Tuesday against the Penguins (a 2-1 victory), and the competition gets

no easier. There are road dates involved with Nashville, Dallas and Tampa Bay, and the Panthers will pay a visit to the Barclays Center before that spate of contests concludes. There's also another game against the Penguins coming up on

March 15, and it's crucial that the Islanders stay ahead of them — lest they be relegated to a wild-card team eligible to draw the Capitals in the first round.

The fourth line of Matt Martin, Casey Cizikas and Cal Clutterbuck has delivered in spades all season, and particularly of late, but the Isles will need their secondary scorers like Brock Nelson and Nikolay Kulemin, who have been on worrisome cold streaks, to step up.

They will also need Jaroslav Halak to work on his consistency. He made 31 saves and allowed just one goal against Pittsburgh on Tuesday night but was unfortunately forced to leave late due to an apparent groin injury. However, that came on the heels of a shaky four goals on 26 shots performance against the Rangers on Sunday. And that was his first start after a mediocre month of February in which his save percentage was just .905, his worst mark in any month this season. Thomas Greiss has been a serviceable backup this year, but come playoff time it's important to have your No. 1 option in net out there every night, and playing well.

## Jets' QB situation still fluid

San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick is on the block and it looks like he'll land with a marquee franchise in the AFC.

"I believe that Colin Kaepernick is the target for the Denver Broncos," Mike Silver said on NFL Network Thursday. "I believe the 49ers are amenable to trading him. And whether it's a 3 (third-round pick), a 2 (second-round pick), if that's what it takes. ... I think right now they're doing the dance. But right now I expect the Denver Broncos to go out and get Colin Kaepernick as he's their top option."

The other team in the mix for Kaepernick's services through a trade are the Jets, who have made little progress in their attempts to re-sign Ryan Fitzpatrick.

The New York Daily News reported in early February that Kaepernick's preferred

trade destination is New York and even back then — when it seemed certain Fitzpatrick was going to return — there was mutual interest by the Jets' organization.

After Silver's "Kaepernick to the 49ers" report, NFL Network's Ian Rapoport tweeted, "If #Jets don't land Colin Kaepernick, expect them to inquire about #Texans QB Brian Hoyer. They already traded for one #Texans QB last year."

Jets GM Mike Maccagnan comes from the Texans organization but Hoyer was not with Houston during Maccagnan's tenure in Texas.

Hoyer threw 19 touchdown passes and was picked off seven times in 11 regular season games with the Texans last season but he spit the bit in the playoffs — throwing four picks in a 30-0 blowout loss to the Chiefs.

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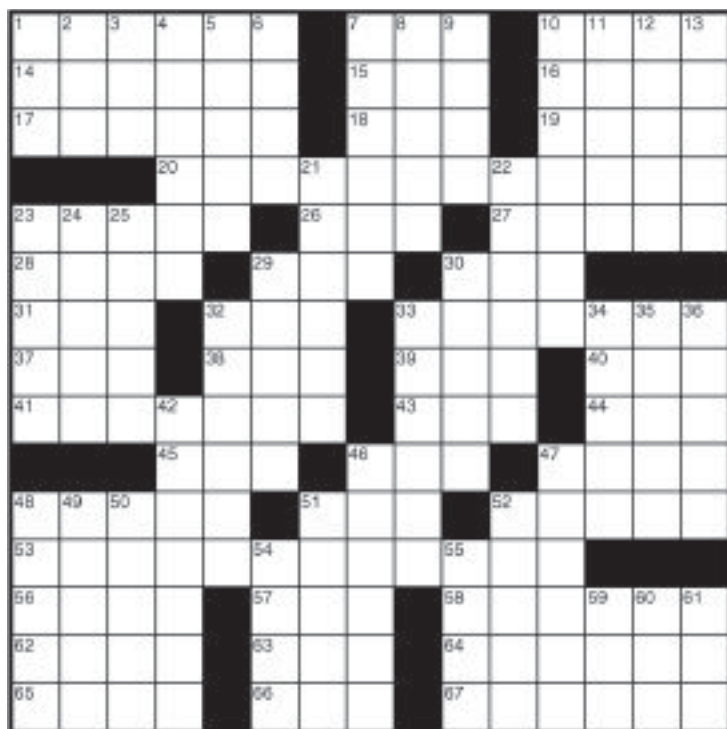
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### Across

- 1 Cash in coupons
- 7 Like a bairn
- 10 Resolute
- 14 Forever, to Keats
- 15 Shoe color
- 16 Botanist's wings
- 17 Tourist staple
- 18 Ancient Tokyo
- 19 Windshield option
- 20 Silent messages (2 wds.)
- 23 Painter -- Dufy
- 26 Endangered tree
- 27 Ore deposits
- 28 Blows it
- 29 Meadow murmur
- 30 Few, to Pierre
- 31 Ad -- (wing it)
- 32 Cold War flier
- 33 Springy
- 37 Here, for monsieur
- 38 Pilot's dir.
- 39 Fall flower
- 40 Orthodontist's grp.
- 41 Party provisioner
- 43 U.K. leaders
- 44 Gemsbok cousin
- 45 Three-toed sloths
- 46 Veggie-tray item
- 47 Rural must
- 48 Bound by oath
- 51 Sun. homily
- 52 Up the stakes

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- 53 Luxurious (4 wds.)
- 56 Earthen jar
- 57 Pizarro's quest
- 58 One-celled animal
- 62 Baltic tributary
- 63 Fr. neighbor
- 64 Warded off
- 65 Course finale
- 66 Possess
- 67 Hurled

### Down

- 1 -- room (den)
- 2 Flight board info
- 3 Dose guys?
- 4 Volcano in Antarctica
- 5 Join up (var.)
- 6 Middle Ages quaff
- 7 Blanche's sister

- 8 Lady's honorific
- 9 Well-known auth.
- 10 Inane
- 11 Old war story
- 12 Mountain chain
- 13 Allots
- 21 First Mach 1 breaker
- 22 Brief flashes
- 23 Curio
- 24 Port north of Antofagasta
- 25 Shuttle course
- 29 Hop stems
- 30 Chubby
- 32 Wool that doesn't scratch
- 33 Vast realm
- 34 Sulu of "Star Trek"
- 35 Archaeology finds
- 36 Hawser
- 42 Long-lost aviator
- 46 Disarm a bull
- 47 Prairie schooners
- 48 Fire
- 49 Dorian Gray's creator
- 50 Gives the eye
- 51 Fling
- 52 Lover in a play
- 54 NASA decision (hyph.)
- 55 Hatchet handle
- 59 Publishing execs.
- 60 Many a queen
- 61 Augment

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easy

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**Aries** Keep everyone guessing. Throw a little excitement into the mix in order to draw positive attention. Strive for greater equality and balance within an important relationship.



**Taurus** You've got pizzazz and charm that will keep people coming back for more. Your dedication will earn you trust and respect. A mental or physical challenge will inspire you.



**Gemini** What you have to offer will make a difference to someone in need. Improve your lifestyle by doing what makes you happy. A risky investment is best avoided.



**Cancer** Show off in order to boost your popularity. Your suggestions will impress someone with clout. Talks and travel will lead to knowledge and a valuable experience.



**Leo** A simple plan will far exceed an elaborate, costly event that would make you look like a showoff. A romantic evening for two or a quiet family gathering will suffice.



**Virgo** Discuss your plans with a loved one and set up a goal to work toward. Physical and emotional self-improvements can be made. Learn something new.



**Libra** Don't let uncertainty create a problem. Ask questions until you are satisfied that you are making the right choice. You'll feel better about what you accomplished.



**Scorpio** Ask for help if you need it. Your ideas are sound, and what others can offer will help expedite your efforts and plans. Trust in yourself.



**Sagittarius** Don't underestimate anyone who challenges you. Don't offer personal information or it will be used against you. Stay focused on what you need to do.



**Capricorn** Do something different. Interact with people from different walks of life. The information you gather and ideas you generate will encourage a new beginning.



**Aquarius** Aim for stability and be the best you can be. If you put forth the effort, you will get the results you are looking for. Romance should highlight your day.



**Pisces** Rely on your intuition to lead the way. You'll make an impression with your insight and ability to know what people want and need. EUGENIA LAST

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